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Six new professors join Columbia faculty

SIX NEW FACULTY members are joining the Columbia community, filling both vacant and new positions. These professors come from as close as Woodstock, Georgia, and from as far away as Göttingen, Germany. They are Mark Douglas, instructor of Christian ethics; Margit Ernst, assistant professor in systematic theology; William Harkins, instructor of pastoral care and theology; Sharon Mook, assistant professor of pastoral care and theology; Rodger Nishioka, associate professor of Christian education; and Charles Raynal, director of advanced studies and associate professor of theology.

Mark Douglas moves to Decatur from Crozet, Virginia, where he has served as co-pastor of Tabor Presbyterian Church. He received a bachelor's degree from Colorado College and the M.Div. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He also holds a Th.M. from Princeton Seminary and is a Ph.D. candidate in religious ethics at the University of Virginia (UVA). He has taught at UVA and Virginia Commonwealth University and is a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Christian Ethics.

Margit Ernst has served as research assistant in the Karl Barth Institute. She worked with Professor Eberhard Busch, chair of Reformed theology at the University of Göttingen and Karl Barth's last Ph.D. student. She has also assisted in research in the Archives for Feminist and Liberation Theologies at the University of Kassel, Germany. Ernst completed the Ph.D. in systematic theology last year from the University of Göttingen and has served there as an instructor on the faculty of theology. She has been active in leadership and in teaching and preaching in the Reformed Church of Germany.

Bill Harkins, a licensed marriage and family therapist, joins the faculty from Candler School of Theology, where he has served as an adjunct instructor of pastoral care and counseling, and the Georgia Baptist Health Care System, where he was a clinical seminar instructor. Harkins holds a B.A. from Rhodes College, the M.Div. from Vanderbilt University Divinity School, and is a Ph.D. candidate in religion and personality at Vanderbilt. He is a member of the vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

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Charles Raynal

Meda Stamper, recipient of the Wilds Book Prize and several other awards, is congratulated by her father, Robert Stamper '43 (Th.M. '49), who from 1955 to 1964 was vice president for development at Columbia.

Columbia awards degrees to 97 students

DIPLOMAS AND MEMORIES were bestowed during Columbia's 1999 commencement activities. Seniors were celebrated with degrees, faculty donned their academic regalia, and friends and families were feted with parties and receptions.

Graduation weekend began on Saturday, May 15, with a reception for graduates, faculty, families, and friends at the home of President and Mrs. Douglas Oldenburg. After a dinner for graduates and guests in the seminary's refectory, the entire seminary community was invited by the Class of 1999 to enjoy ice cream and entertainment on Columbia's beautiful quadrangle.

The senior class presented as a gift to the seminary a set of paraments. The pulpit hanging, table runner, and bookmark were embossed with the "children of the world" design. This design is commemorative of President Oldenburg's year as moderator of the Presbyterian Church and his commitment to the Year of the Child.

Columbia's 1999 commencement ceremonies took place on Sunday, May 16, beginning with a baccalaureate morning worship service at Clairmont Presbyterian Church in Decatur. Barbara Lundblad, associate professor of preaching at Union Seminary in New York, delivered the sermon.

In Lundblad's sermon, "Still There After All These Years," preached from Acts on the ascension of Jesus, she urged worshippers to help in passing on the story and traditions. "The Spirit of God which moved over the deep,

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The glut is over

James Hudnut-Beumler, Acting President, Dean of Faculty, and Professor of Religion and Culture

JUST LAST YEAR I was challenged by an Episcopal priest at a conference. When, he asked me, was I going to do the decent thing and stop producing so many candidates for ministry? He went on to state his concern for how low clergy salaries were and his belief that the principal cause of the problem was an oversupply of ministers competing for positions. Recent news made me think back to that earlier discussion of the so-called "Clergy Glut."

Whatever the cause is of low clergy salaries, it cannot be the oversupply of ministers. In fact, in the Presbyterian Church (USA) alone, after years of more persons seeking calls to churches than churches seeking pastors, the tables have radically turned. Seminaries are producing about the same number of students as five years ago, but a huge number of retirements and foreshortened clergy careers have skyrocketed demand for new and experienced ministers. The glut is over.

Beyond the numbers, however, lies another story about the demand for ministers. Perhaps at no time during this past century has the demand for good ministers been as high. The church faces challenges that call for faithful and imaginative leaders who can motivate people to respond to the gospel with the vitality that will make its message heard and lived. At Columbia, we work hard at educating women and men for this kind of faithful and imaginative service. If you know people who would make gifted leaders of the people of God, now is the time to tell them that the glut is over, the church needs their talents, and ministry is a calling whose opportunities are exceptional. And once you point them in the direction of Columbia, trust that we will do our part to convert those opportunities into realities.

Not just numbers

Of course it is not good enough only to produce more seminary graduates. It is vital that we keep the best ones in ministry and that they continue to be engaged in their work with deep faith and joy in their work. Many of us know about the phenomenon of the backdoor in congregations. People come in the front door and are welcomed into the membership of the church with great celebration, only to depart quietly a couple of years later without ever having become involved. A similar thing happens with clergy as well. Too many leave after becoming burned-out, or upon losing their enthusiasm for a calling that is just as challenging as it can be rewarding. Nothing hurts so much as to see a promising student graduate and then leave ministry feeling defeated.

I write this column knowing that many who read *Vantage* are pastors, but many more are lay leaders. Moreover, there are things we all can do to keep our good pastors whole and engaged in gospel ministry. As busy as the parish can be, the most important thing lay leaders can do is to make sure that their pastors take time off to refresh their ministries, with fresh thoughts, new books, and contact with peers in the ministry. Clergy too must learn that nurturing our love of the gospel is essential to our work as ministers of Christ. And seminaries need to be ready to provide the stimulation and reflective space today's clergy need to renew their minds and hearts.

I am delighted that Columbia is one place that offers a broad array of advanced degrees and short-term educational programs that can help maintain healthy ministries across a lifetime of service. Wherever you are in the spectrum of clergy, laity, and educators, I hope you will take on the educational challenge to let your minds be renewed and to encourage others to do the same. The quality of our mutual ministry depends on our commitment to a faithful and educated ministry. □

James Hudnut-Beumler was inaugurated as professor of religion and culture in April. In his address, "The Pilgrim's Progress; or Why I Study Money," Hudnut-Beumler, who is also acting president, dean of faculty, and executive vice president, described how people reveal their ultimate values in the way they think about and handle money. With him is President Douglas Oldenburg, moderator of the 210th General Assembly, PC(USA).

George Telford with Brad Abelson, first recipient of the George and Sally Telford Award.

Pastor-theologian Telford retires

AS GEORGE TELFORD retired in May from his ministry as director of advanced studies and associate professor of theology at Columbia, he completed a circle. When he graduated from Columbia in 1958, he set out to be what he has described as a "pastor-theologian" called to "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." He fulfilled this calling as pastor of churches in university communities in Auburn, Alabama; Tallahassee, Florida; and Charlottesville and Blacksburg, Virginia. He fulfilled this calling as he served the larger church as director of the Division of Corporate and Social Mission in the old "Southern" Presbyterian Church (PCUS), and as director of the Theology and Worship Ministry Unit of the Presbyterian Church (USA) — positions that involved him in a number of ecumenical conversations and projects with other churches. His experience in these ministries made him uniquely prepared and qualified to fulfill the same calling when he returned to Columbia in 1993 to administer the

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Richard T. DuBose

DuBose named vice president

RICHARD T. DUBOSE will join the Columbia administration as vice president for development and seminary relations on August 1. He has been a campaign director at Coxe Curry & Associates, a professional counseling firm serving Atlanta non-profit organizations.

At Coxe Curry, DuBose has directed a number of capital campaigns, feasibility studies, and development audits for Atlanta schools and organizations. Before joining Coxe Curry, he was director of development and communications at Atlanta International School (AIS) for nine years. He established the school's Development Office in 1987 and directed a successful campaign which culminated with AIS's move to new facilities.

DuBose received the B.A. in history from Davidson College. The son of a Presbyterian minister, he is a member and elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, where he has served as clerk of the session.

At Columbia, DuBose will assume responsibility for external relations, which includes all fund-raising activities and public relations. He will be accountable for organizing and implementing plans for the annual fund, capital campaigns, planned giving, and the endowment. He will work with the seminary's constituencies, including presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly, as well as the Board of Trustees, President's Advisory Council, Columbia Friendship Circle, and Alumni/ae Association.

Acting President James Hudnut-Beumler said, "Richard knows the Presbyterian Church and deeply cares about its future. His generous spirit comes through in every exchange one has with him. I am looking forward to working closely with him as we seek to advance the work of Columbia in service to the church and its ministry." □

The Harrington Center's new addition

Columbia completes construction and renovation

COLUMBIA HAS BEEN blessed with the beautiful addition to the Harrington Center for Continuing Education and Church Growth and the recent renovation of Florida Hall. Both projects have provided the community with new facilities which address the changing environment and needs of the seminary.

In May, Columbia received a Design Award from the City of Decatur for the Harrington Center addition. The architectural design was praised for relating to the historic, red brick Gothic buildings already on the campus, while incorporating new technologies.

The expansion of the Harrington Center allows Columbia to continue its role as a center for theological education. Office space has been added, which will be occupied by the Lay Institute for Faith and Life and New Church Development.

Similarly, the addition of a second chapel on campus provides a less formal environment for conferences and large meetings. The Harrington Center chapel can seat 200 people.

Columbia's first auditorium, equipped with state-of-the-art video, including DVD projection technology and satellite teleconferencing, as well as Dolby© surround-sound audio, opens Columbia to the modern world of communications.

Another technological advance is the "Twenty-First Century Classroom," which provides for simultaneous translating within the room's large translation booth. This will enable Columbia to expand its services to international groups and conferences on campus.

The expansion provides 32 additional beds for conference participants and two suites for guest lecturers.

Funding for the new addition was provided primarily by Peachtree Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. According to James Hudnut-Beumler, executive vice president and dean of faculty, "This represents a substantial partnership between a participating congregation and the seminary in providing attractive, usable space for short-term visitors to take advantage of Columbia's programs and resources."

The renovation of Florida Hall has also provided new amenities for residence hall students. These include a new student lounge and kitchen, exercise room, elevator, and on-campus child care center. In addition, the building is handicapped accessible and has four specially designed apartments which are handicapped accessible.

"We are excited about meeting changing expectations of residence hall living and encouraging more of our students, single and married, to live inexpensively on-campus," says Phil Gehman '68, vice president and dean of students.

The renovation has included significant safety features, and the heating and cooling system was replaced to include independent controls in each unit.

Columbia's student population has changed since Florida Hall was built in 1961 and now includes men and women, as well as more second career students. The renovation has reflected this change in the increased size of rooms, the addition of more apartments with cooking facilities, and new bathrooms in each unit.

Acoustical tiles added to hallways diminish noise. Each floor has a lounge area where students can meet to relax. In addition, a larger student lounge on the fourth floor provides kitchen facilities and tables for study. An exercise room encourages the physical wellness of students. Florida Hall, like the Harrington Center, has been upgraded to accommodate technological advances.

Four rooms in Florida Hall have been given in honor or in memory of persons who have been important to the Columbia community. The Child Care Center has been given in honor of Lucy Robertson Aldridge '90 by her husband John, a member of Columbia's Board of Trustees.

The Rev. A. Cecil Moore, Jr. Guest Suite is given by the faculty and staff in honor of his years of dedication to Columbia as superintendent of buildings and grounds since 1973. Moore, who received the B.D. from Columbia in 1962, had served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Tallassee, Alabama, from 1962 to 1967 and of the Collins, Mississippi, Presbyterian Church from 1967 to 1973.

The Emily Wood Guest Suite is given by the Board of Trustees in honor of her lifelong devotion to and support of the seminary. Wood worked for 12 years in the Development Office of Columbia, primarily as Columbia Friendship Circle promotion secretary. Since that time, she has also been on Columbia's Board of Trustees, for which she was secretary, and on the President's Advisory Council. She has served two terms as president of Columbia Friendship Circle and has been on the Mission Haven Board. Wood has been clerk of session of the St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Altamonte, Florida, for 19 years.

The Robert Davidson Woodward, Jr. Suite was given by Julia Munroe Woodward and their family. Woodward, born in Quincy, Florida, was a lifelong Presbyterian. The Woodwards' daughter, Judy, is vice president of the Columbia Friendship Circle. Their granddaughter, Mary Katherine Gregory Robinson '97, is an associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. □

Katie Ricks '01

Cecil Moore '62 was one of the first residents of Florida Hall. As superintendent of buildings and grounds, he supervised the renovation of the building nearly 40 years later, and his colleagues dedicated a faculty guest suite in his honor. Unbeknownst to them, they chose the very same apartment Moore and his family lived in the summer they returned to Columbia 26 years ago.

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in Marietta, of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, and of the Society for Pastoral Theology.

Sharon Mook was a pastoral counselor at the Westminster Counseling Center in Minneapolis for 11 years and has served pastorates in Presbyterian churches in Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. She was also a civilian chaplain and director of youth ministry for the U.S. Army in Frankfurt, Germany. She holds a B.S. from Slippery Rock University, the M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, a D.Min. from Perkins School of Theology, and a Ph.D. in pastoral theology and ministry from Luther Seminary.

Rodger Nishioka joins the faculty in January after 13 years in religious education with the Presbyterian Church (USA). From 1986-97, he served as the associate for youth ministry/curriculum development, in which he edited and designed church school curriculum and developed a church-wide strategy for ministry with young people. Since 1997, he has served as coordinator for youth and young adult ministries. He served as moderator of the National Council of Churches Young Adult Ministries Team and has taught at McCormick Theological Seminary. He received a B.A. from Seattle Pacific University and the M.A. in Theological Studies from McCormick.

Charles Raynal, who has served as pastor of Davidson College Presbyterian Church, Davidson, North Carolina, for 20 years, is director of Columbia's advanced degree programs and associate professor of theology. Raynal holds a B.A. from Davidson College, a B.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and a Master of Philosophy and Ph.D. from Yale University. He holds certificates from the Université de Poitiers, France, and the Goethe Institute, Germany. Raynal has studied at the Faculté de Théologie Protestante, France, and the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland. His other pastorates include the First Presbyterian Churches in Hammond, Louisiana, and Durham, North Carolina. He has taught at Union Theological Seminary and is a member of the Calvin Studies Society and the International Congress of Calvin Research.

Dean of Faculty James Hudnut-Beumler said, "The people who are joining our faculty bring an outstanding range of skills and experiences to Columbia. From decades in the parish to success in making youth programs vital, from addressing the needs of hurting people to interpreting the theology and values of the Reformed tradition, these new colleagues will enrich and extend what we can offer the church and our students." □

Ruth Lovell '00

Continuing Education and Lay Institute Calendar

For further information or to register for courses, call or write: Rebecca S. Parker, Director of Continuing Education, or Richard S. Dietrich, Director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA 30031/404-378-8821.

July 6-9, July 26-30, August 27-28 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY *OLD SONGS FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM: A STUDY OF THE PSALMS* See article on this page.

August 2-6 SUMMER LAY SCHOOL: THE NEW TESTAMENT TODAY See article on this page.

September 13, 20, 27, October 4 Fall Lay School I: READING SCRIPTURE; PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS; and CHRIST and THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA Leaders: Cam Murchison, Chuck Campbell, and Pete Paulsen. Cost: $40.

September 20-22 WRITE TO PUBLISH Leaders: Cecil Murphy and Kathy Bostrom. Cost $85.

October 11 WALTZING METHUSELAH See article this page.

October 18-20 ANALYZING YOUR CHURCH FOR GROWTH POSSIBILITIES See article on this page.

October 18, 25, November 1, 8 Fall Lay School II: COURSES ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE; ANGELS AND DEMONS; and READING BIBLICAL STORIES Leaders: Joan Gray, Linda Morningstar, Rick Dietrich, George Stroup, and other Columbia faculty members.

November 8-11 THE HONEYMOON IS OVER: EIGHTEEN MONTHS INTO THE FIRST CALL This seminar will explore the significant transition in ministry after a full year with a congregation and help develop styles of ministry. Leaders: TAS²TE, Transition and Survival Skills Training Experience. Cost $150.

Summer Lay Scholars set

"BECOME A LAY scholar and study the New Testament this summer," invites Rick Dietrich, director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life. Summer Lay Scholars week is August 2-6.

"We'll highlight the diversity of early Christianity," says Beth Johnson, professor of New Testament, who will lead the course with Dietrich. "In the first century, the Christian church was a hugely diverse phenomenon. In the gospels alone we can see how four diverse communities produced stories about Jesus."

During Summer Lay Scholars week, mornings are devoted to "traditional" study and afternoons to more experiential reflection.

"One afternoon we may view and discuss a movie, read non-biblical stories in which Jesus is a character, or look at art depicting narratives in the New Testament," Dietrich says.

The week allows for interaction with other students and faculty — time for the library and time for society.

For reading, Johnson suggests Bart Erhman's *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings.*

Participants are encouraged to stay in on-campus housing. Tuition, room, and board are $300; tuition only is $175. Registration deadline is July 23.

For more information, call the Lay Institute at 404/687-4577. □

Seminar on aging offered

WHILE WE ARE all in the process of aging, it is not a subject that many of us in the church have intentionally explored. "Waltzing Methuselah" is a workshop designed for pastors and educators to assist them to understand the developmental process for persons over the age of 55, the issues and trends in the culture regarding aging, and the constructive work congregations need to do to support the spiritual journey of older adults.

Keynote speaker is Henry C. Simmons, director of the Center on Aging at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. He is a Charter Fellow of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and has written and lectured on the human dynamics of aging for more than 25 years. There will also be a resource center available and opportunities to talk with other persons active in creative aging.

The workshop is scheduled October 11 from 9:00-1:30. Cost of the event is $35 and $15 for each additional person coming from the same church.

For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education at 404/687-4562. □

Study Psalms

THIS SUMMER, THE Lay Institute will again offer courses on the upcoming series, *Old Songs for a New Millennium: A Study of the Psalms,* the 1999-2000 Bible study that will be used in Presbyterian women's circles in the coming year. These courses are particularly designed for those who will be teaching the series, but they are open to everyone. For dates, see the calendar on this page, or call 404/687-4577. □

Learn dynamics of church growth

CHURCH GROWTH IS a complex process that involves the presence of the Spirit, leadership from the pastor and congregational members, dynamics in the community, the location of the church, and more. This workshop will use systems theory, computer simulation, and current theories in the field to help understand the economy of the church and its relationship to growth. It will also explore whether or not a church has reached limits of growth due to space and location.

Dr. Jeffrey Bullock, the leader, is pastor of Saint Barnabus of the Desert Episcopal Church, Scottsdale, Arizona. He has led several churches in their growth plans.

This event is October 18-20, and cost is $145. For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education, 404/687-4562. □

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the Spirit which dwelt within Jesus, the Holy Spirit promised on the hillside long ago — this very same Spirit is still there after all these years."

Later that afternoon, bagpipes and a pipe organ heralded the procession of Columbia's faculty and the Class of 1999 into the sanctuary of Peachtree Presbyterian Church for Columbia's commencement service. The service featured a brass ensemble and a special choir drawn from members of the choirs of Peachtree church, other Atlanta-area Presbyterian churches, and Columbia Seminary.

As their names were called by George Telford '58, director of advanced studies, and Vice President and Dean of Students Philip Gehman '68, graduates were congratulated by Joanna Adams '79, chair of Columbia's Board of Trustees, and President Douglas Oldenburg. Executive Vice-President and Dean of Faculty James Hudnut-Beumler placed the colorful academic hoods on the shoulders of each of the graduates.

Two candidates received Doctor of Theology degrees. Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degrees were awarded to 38 candidates. Nine candidates received Master of Theology degrees, and Columbia awarded one Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree.

Forty-seven graduates received Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degrees. Among these, Ralph Hawkins, Jennifer Horton, David Lindsay, Melanie Mitchell, and Meda Stamper received theirs with honors.

After the conferring of degrees, Dean Hudnut-Beumler awarded prizes and fellowships to graduates in recognition of particular qualities of excellence.

The Wilds Book Prize was awarded to Meda Stamper for the highest distinction in academic work over the entire M.Div. program. Stamper also received the Paul T. Fuhrmann Book Prize in Church History, the Harvard A. Anderson Fellowship to the graduate determined to have the greatest potential for future academic achievement, and the Lyman and Myki Mobley Prize to the student doing exemplary work in the field of biblical scholarship.

Shannon Johnson-Kerschner received the Columbia Leadership Award, given to a senior who shows promise of outstanding leadership in the church.

Bradford Ableson was awarded the first George and Sally Telford Award, given to a D.Min. student who shows exceptional ability for congregational leadership with an emphasis on social justice issues and vision for the church, and the Florrie Wilkes Sanders Prize in Theology.

Maxine Edwards and Mickey Shealy received the William Dudley Award for evidence of achievement, interest, and commitment in evangelism and church growth.

Joel Thornton was honored with the Indiantown Country Church Award in recognition of his outstanding supervised ministry work in a rural setting.

The Presbytery of St. Andrew Presbyterian Women Preaching Award went to Lance Mullins for the best sermon preached by a M.Div. student.

Caroline Kelly was awarded the Harold J. Riddle Memorial Book Award for showing the highest distinction in pastoral care, especially in the area of terminally ill patients.

Victor Alejandro Feliberty-Ruberté and Melanie Mitchell received the James T. and Celeste M. Boyd Book Fund Award, awarded to students who will be good stewards of a theological library.

Gerone Lockhart received the Columbia Friendship Circle Graduate Fellowship in recognition of superior achievement and to provide support for further study. Richard Floyd and Anna McArthur were awarded Columbia Graduate Fellowships.

Commencement was followed by a reception hosted by Peachtree Presbyterian Church, which has made its facilities available to Columbia for graduation exercises for the past 11 years.

The next issue of *Vantage* will contain a listing of graduates' dissertation titles and placements. □ *Katie Ricks '01*

Eade Anderson '50 and James Speed '57

Alumni receive Distinguished Service Awards

AT ITS ALUMNI/AE Association meeting in April, Columbia presented the Distinguished Service Awards to J. Eade Anderson '50 and James O. Speed '57. These awards are presented annually to two graduates who have shown outstanding Christian service in ministry throughout their lives.

Eade Anderson, a native of Etowah, North Carolina, served pastorates in Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama for the first 20 years of ordained ministry. He then became a chaplain at Veterans' Administration hospitals, first in Indiana and later in Arkansas. He served on numerous presbytery, synod, and General Assembly committees. Upon retirement, he returned to the pastorate and has filled interim positions throughout the South.

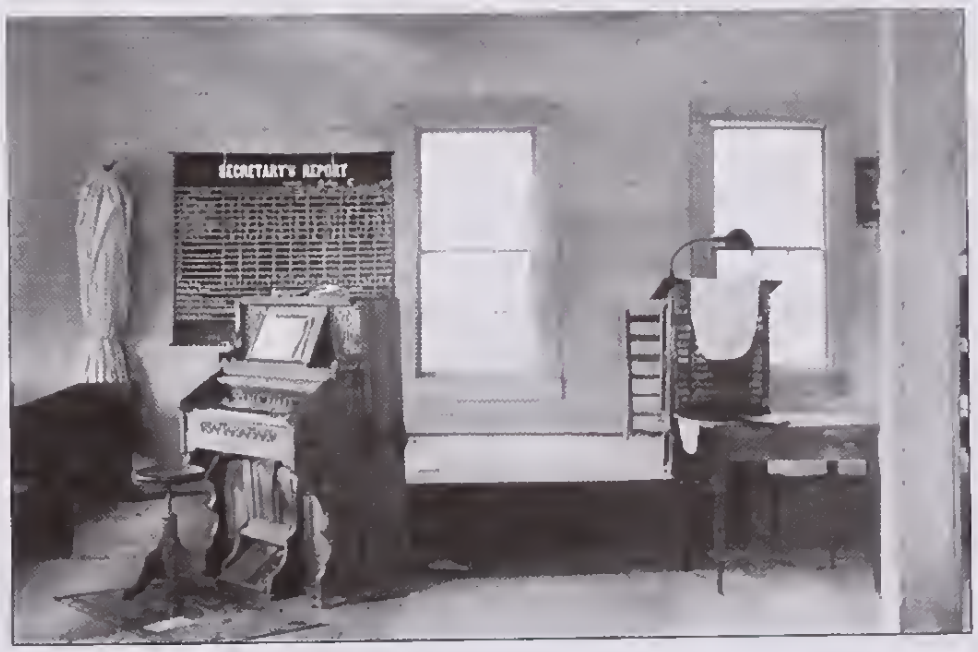
A graduate of Davidson College, Anderson did post-graduate work at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He and his wife are parents of a PC(USA) pastor and grandparents of a recent Columbia graduate.

James Speed retired last January after 26 years as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia. Prior to that pastorate, he served three churches in Alabama. Early in his career, he served on the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.). Speed has also served on the boards of Presbyterian College and Columbia.

During his time in Marietta, the congregation more than doubled its membership. In addition to presbytery, synod, and General Assembly work, Speed has served as board member of many community and national organizations.

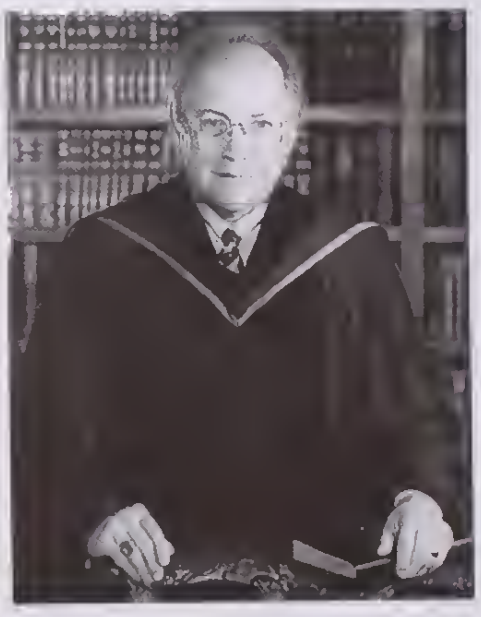
He, too, is a Davidson College graduate, and he also earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia. He and his wife have four children, including two who are Columbia graduates. □

At its spring meeting, Columbia's Board of Trustees gathered for a photo. L-r: David Cozad, secretary, Joe Harvard '66, Florida Ellis, Joanna Adams '79, chair, David Quattlebaum, vice chair, Howell Adams, John Conant, Douglas Oldenburg, president; Second row: Jim Lowry '66, John Bartholomew, Betty Nichols, Suzanne Benton, Jean Norman, Rosalyn White; Third row: Cordell Wynn, Vernon Hunter, Blaine Hill, Billy Morris, Frankie Calcote; Fourth row: Dae Shin, John Aldridge; Fifth row: Ann Cousins, Sue Wieland, Tom Yount, Bill Schen, Frank Colclough; Sixth row: Jeff Smith, Clarence Boone, Jimmy Adams, Pat Patrick; Last row: William Pender '80, Frank James. Not pictured: Bill Bryant (D.Min.'81), Richard Cromie, Margaret Miller, Bob Pattillo, Lucimarian Roberts, John Weitnauer.



"Picturing Faith," the Lay Institute's current exhibition through August 15, shows religious America in government photography from 1935 to 1943. Above, Walker Evans's Church Interior, Alabama, 1936. For information, call 404/687-4578.

Frank Harrington '60, trustee and benefactor, 1935-1999



W. Frank Harrington '60

WILLIAM FRANK HARRINGTON '60 (TH.M. '61), Columbia Seminary benefactor and Board of Trustees member, died March 3, 1999, after an illness of two months. He was 63.

Frank Harrington was senior minister of Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, the largest church in the denomination, for 27 years. Under his leadership and with his encouragement, the church established at Columbia the Peachtree Chair of Evangelism and Church Growth and provided resources to build the W. Frank Harrington Center for Continuing Education and Church Growth and the new addition just completed.

As a Board member, he served on the Development, Student Life, and Business Management Committees. Previously, the seminary awarded him the Distinguished Service Award at its annual meeting of the Alumni/ae Association. A loyal alumnus, Harrington sent many students from his church to the seminary, as well as called Columbia graduates to serve on the staff at Peachtree.

He was an advocate for new church development, evangelism, and church growth. He led his church not only to undertake effective ministries to Atlanta but also to support the mission of the global church.

Harrington was awarded numerous honorary doctorates. He served on the boards of such organizations as Habitat for Humanity International, Presbyterian College, Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church, Center of Theological Inquiry, and the Salvation Army.

President Douglas W. Oldenburg, moderator of the 210th General Assembly, PC (USA), said, "No one has given more support to Columbia Seminary and its president than Frank Harrington. I have cherished his friendship and admired his leadership at Peachtree and throughout our denomination. We give thanks to God for our dear friend and faithful servant of Christ. He has touched our lives in countless ways, and we are far better for having known him and been loved by him." □

For the Record

If you have recent news to contribute to this section, please mail it to the editor, or you may e-mail it to harperj@CTSnet.edu.

Stanley Wood, director of the Center for New Church Development (NCD), was a keynote speaker at a congregational leadership event sponsored by National Capital Presbytery and the Riverside New Church Development, Sterling, VA. He led NCD training seminars for Denver, New Harmony, and Peace River presbyteries and a workshop on "Faith Sharing with the Unchurched" at First church, Valdosta, GA. Wood preached at First churches, Valdosta, GA, Bentonville, AR, Myrtle Beach, SC, and Savannah, GA; Braden River church, Bradenton, FL; and Bethany Collegiate church, Havertown, PA. He led workshops at the Presbyterian Church (USA) Evangelism and Church Development annual NCD Pastor/ Spouse retreat, Colorado Springs, CO.....**Brad Smith** '89 (DMin '99) is a Souper Bowl founder and associate pastor at Spring Valley church, Columbia, SC. Last January more than $2.4 million was raised for the Souper Bowl.....**Rebecca Parker**, director of continuing education, co-taught a Sunday School class at St. Luke's Episcopal church, Atlanta. She was a keynote speaker for women of Greater Atlanta Presbytery and for women at the Roswell, GA, church..... **Bill Lancaster** '73, an associate for mission and communication for Foothills Presbytery, has been elected president of the Presbyterian Communicators Partnership, an association of communications professionals in the church.

Bill Schotanus '53 received the 1999 Community Service Award from WXIA-TV in Atlanta for his volunteer work in older adult ministry.....**Anna Carter Florence**, instructor in preaching and worship, was preacher at Princeton Theological Seminary's Youth Forums in St. Simon's Island, GA. She led a women's retreat at Trinity church, Atlanta, GA, published an article in *Journal for Preachers* and two sermons in *Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual*.....**Wade Huie** '46, professor emeritus, attended the annual meeting of the Theological Education Fund at Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico as regional representative for the Synod of South Atlantic and taught a D.Min. course. He preached at Westminister church, Snellville, GA; Second church, Little Rock, AR; and Lynnbrook Retirement Center, Atlanta.....**Ronald Cram**, associate professor of Christian education, taught a Lenten course at St. Martins in the Field Episcopal Church, Atlanta. He gave a lecture on contextual education at the School of Theology, Claremont, CA. He attended the NCEA Christian education conference in New Orleans and led a parenting course at First church, Atlanta. For Greater Atlanta Presbytery he consulted with the Senior Adult Ministries Committee and presented "Trends of Christian Education."....**Sue Boardman-McKissack** '90 is the new editor of *Monday Morning*, the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s magazine for ministers.

Beth Johnson, professor of New Testament, taught Sunday school at Central and Trinity churches, Atlanta. She preached at the Dorchester church, Summerville, SC, and presided at a session of the Society of Biblical Literature regional meeting in Durham, NC.....**Lynn Rubier-Capron** '98 is an adjunct professor of Koine Greek at Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozier Theological Seminary.....**Chuck Campbell**, associate professor of homiletics, preached at Central church, Atlanta, and delivered a paper at the annual meeting of Societas Homiletica, the international academy of homiletics. He led a workshop for center-city pastors, a retreat for pastors from Middle Tennessee Presbytery, and preached at First church, Columbia, TN.....**Jan Tolbert** '98 is pastor of the Greenville, GA, church and serves as chaplain at the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation.....**Lisa Majoras** '93 has been called as associate pastor of Northwest church, Atlanta.....**Perky Daniel** '86 preached at Agnes Scott College's Baccalaureate in May.....**John Patton**, professor of pastoral theology, gave five lectures in Houston on "Relational Humanness in an Age of Managed Care" to D.Min. students of Seabury Western Seminary. He gave a paper on international students in clinical pastoral education at the national convention of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education and received a Distinguished Contributor Award from the Association for work with international students. At the annual meeting of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors he gave a paper celebrating the twentieth anniversary of *Journal of Supervision and Training in Ministry*.

Darrell Guder, professor of evangelism and church growth, led a course on "Ecumenical Perspectives on the Church's Mission" at the Ecumenical Center in Geneva, Switzerland, with **George Stroup**, professor of theology. Guder spoke for the annual church partners conference of Young Life, was keynote speaker for Cherokee Presbytery's Leadership Retreat, and conducted officers retreats for First church, Cartersville, GA, and Rivermont church, Chattanooga, TN. He led seminars on the missional church for Mississippi Presbytery and the Synod of the Sun and conducted a theological study retreat for pastors and elders, also for Mississippi Presbytery. He preached at Covenant church, Jackson, MS. While on sabbatical at the University of Göttingen, Germany, he co-taught a seminar on "The Mission of the Congregation."....**Stephen Ratliff** '95 is pastor of Knox church, Norfolk,VA.....**Beth Grimshaw** '97 is associate pastor of the Haslett, MI, Community Church (United Church of Christ).....**David Bradley** '95 is pastor of First church, Milledgeville, GA.....**Hubert Taylor**, professor emeritus, co-facilitated a six-week course exploring the biblical texts and musical treatment of Brahms' "Requiem" at Trinity church, Atlanta.....**Rick Dietrich**, director of the Lay Institute, has taught at Peachtree church, Atlanta; Westminster church, Snellville, GA; and at the Decatur church. He has preached at Columbia church, Decatur.

Preston Shealy '86 is associate pastor at Pine Shores church, Sarasota, FL.....**Steve Lindsley** '97 has released his second full-length CD, "While I'm Here." The project includes 11 original songs.....**John Tarrant** '81 is pastor of the Deer Creek Shores church, Cumming, GA.....**Julie Johnson** (DMin '98), associate director of the Spirituality Program, led a session retreat for Timberridge church, McDonough, GA, was a workshop leader at the synod Leadership Training Event, Epworth, GA, and led women's retreats for the Sequoyah Hills church and at Rock Eagle, GA. She led a workshop and preached at Harbor View church, Charleston, SC, spoke at Eastminster church, Stone Mountain, GA, was a workshop leader at the small church conference in Epworth, GA, and led a staff workshop for Greater Atlanta Presbytery. She serves as a member of the planning team for Montreat's Spirituality Conference.....**Scott Ramsey** '98 is associate pastor for faith formation at First church, Arlington, VA.....**Keith Freeman** '95 is pastor of Glenwood, FL, church.....**Joseph Harvard** '66 received the Elna Spaulding award for outstanding service from Women-In-Action for the Prevention of Violence and Its Causes in Durham, NC.....**Tom Watkins** '94 and Julie Self were married April 10 in Raleigh, NC.....**Dan McCall** '60 is interim pastor of Peachtree church, Atlanta.....**Will Coleman** '85, associate professor of theology and hermeneutics, preached at Druid Hills church, Atlanta, led a workshop on "Tribal Talk: A Case Study of African American Spirituality" at St. James church for Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery, and presented a weekend retreat for Sequoyah Hills church at Montreat.....**Charles Cousar** '58, professor of New Testament, spoke to the southern cluster of churches in Greater Atlanta Presbytery on "The Reformed Perspective," gave a series of lectures at the Polytechnic Methodist church, Fort Worth TX, and taught a Lenten series on the Gospel of John at Westminster church, Snellville, GA. He also taught several classes at Eastminster church, Stone Mountain, GA.

Robert Ramey, professor emeritus, served as interim pastor at the Raeford, NC, church. He preached and led workshops at Oakland Avenue church, Clayton, NC; Community church, Pinehurst, NC; the Gulf, NC, church; and First churches, Kingsport, TN, and Sanford, NC. He led officers retreats for the Laurinburg, NC, church, and the Church in the Pines, Laurel Hill, NC. Ramey conducted a workshop for lay caregivers of Bethesda church, Aberdeen, NC. He

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BIRTHS

To Ann Houston '92 and Danny Kelly, a son, Daniel Whitmire, Oct. 15, 1998.
To Marybeth Asher '93 and Scott '93 Lawson, a daughter, Grace Lian, born Sept. 19, 1997, adopted Aug. 31, 1998.
To Bobby '94 and Erin Fisher, a daughter, Sydney, Nov. 26, 1998.
To Zoe Ann Henderson '94 and David Cagle '95, a son, Patrick Hunter, Feb. 2, 1999.
To John (MATS '95) and Kelly Knapp, a son, Ronald Teske, Feb. 3, 1999.
To Berke Landrum '95 and Fran Morrow, a son, Thomas Ray, Nov. 16, 1998.
To Jonathan '96 and Jennifer Freeman, a daughter, Julia Ann, Mar. 5, 1999.
To Doug '97 and Susan Minnerly, a son, Nathan Florinel Marrash, born Sept. 27, 1995, adopted Jan. 29, 1999.
To Tripp Jennings '99 and Mary Helen Aguirre, a son, William Alexander, May 25, 1999.

DEATHS

Edwin C. Brasington '46, Nov. 18, 1998.
Warren W. Beale '50, Apr. 15, 1999.
Kenneth L. Christy '53, Nov. 8, 1998.
William A. Adams '56, June 15, 1999.
J. Richard Bass '56, Apr. 24, 1999.
William B. Emerson '58, Nov. 5, 1998.
Frank Harrington '60, Mar. 3, 1999.
See article on page 5.
Howard H. Killingsworth '62, Feb. 24, 1999.
Evelyn H. Prince, wife of Harold Prince '60, professor emeritus, May 23, 1999.

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has written *52 Devotions for Church Leaders*, printed by Chalice Press. ....**Marcia Riggs**, associate professor of Christian ethics, was keynote speaker for the annual Women in Ministry Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, St. Louis, spoke at a luncheon for the Moral Education in a Diverse Society Conference at Duke University, and presented a paper at the Discussion of Women's Faith, Culture, and Action for the annual meeting of Women and Philanthropy in New Orleans.....**Walter Brueggemann**, professor of Old Testament, preached at First Baptist church, Decatur, GA; St. John's United Methodist, Lubbock, TX; All Saints Episcopal church, Pasadena, CA; and Second church, Indianapolis, IN. He gave lectures at Meadowlark church, Huntersville, NC; Stetson University; Hendrix College; the conference for development offices of the Association of Theological Schools, Savannah, GA; Washington and Lee University; First church, Dalton, GA; Lees-McRae College; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; Anglican Theological Institute, Colorado Springs, CO; Episcopal Church Center; and the Synod of Southern California. His recent articles have been published in *Christian Century* and *Dialog* and his book reviews in *Theology Today*.....**Lisa Traynham Nelson '92** is associate pastor at Philadelphia church, Charlotte, NC.....**Carol Seaman '95** is interim at the Clinton, NJ, church.....**Stephanie Davage '95** is associate pastor at St. Andrews church, Raleigh, NC.

Heidi Calhoun '97 is associate pastor at the Newport church, Bellevue, WA.....**Paul Irwin '84** is associate pastor of worship and music, First church, San Mateo, CA.....**Ben Johnson**, professor of Christian spirituality, was scholar-in-residence at First church, San Antonio, TX, led an Immersion Week for the Certificate in Spiritual Formation Program at Austin Seminary and in Santa Barbara, CA, and was keynote speaker for Synod of the South Atlantic Health Ministries Conference. He led a staff and spouses retreat, an officers retreat, and preached at First church, Nashville, TN. He was keynote speaker for the Montreat Spirituality Conference and Synod of South Atlantic Presbyterian Men, St. Simons Island, GA.....**Thomas Are '59** is interim at St. Giles church, Orange Park, FL..... **David Horton '98** is associate pastor, Mars Hill church, Acworth, GA..... **Michael O'Neil '93** is associate pastor at John Knox church, Tulsa, OK. ....**Joon Won Lee '94** is associate pastor, Korean church, North Miami, FL..... **Michael Maxfield '92** is pastor at First church, Green Cove Springs, FL.....**Paul Ogne '98** is pastor of the Oviedo, FL, church.....**Christine Roy Yoder**, instructor in Old Testament, taught a series on the wisdom literature at Rock Spring church, Atlanta, GA, and had a book review published in *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*.

George McDonald '78 is interim pastor at St. Peter's church, Spencertown, NY.....**Lisa Benn Rossi '97** is pastor of First church, Howard Lake, MN.....**Lee Carroll '68**, associate professor of supervised ministry, hosted at Columbia the annual Consultation for Center-City and the annual Supervised Ministry Conference for supervising pastors. He will be on sabbatical leave for summer and fall terms, 1999.....**Daniel Sack**, associate director of the Material History of American Religion Project, presented "Purity and Authority: The Communion Cup Debate in American Protestantism," at a meeting of the American Society of Church History. He has an article, "Every Meal Has Meeting," in the current issue of *The Christian Ministry*. ....**Cameron Murchison**, professor of ministry, led a workshop for Flint River Presbytery on church officers ordination vows, Sunday evening Lenten programs on worship and sacraments for Eastminster church, Marietta, GA, and workshops on sacraments in *The Book of Common Worship* for Trinityfest, Columbia, SC. He preached at Eastminster church, Marietta, GA; Westminster church, Charleston, SC; First church, Gainesville, GA; and Friendship church, Athens, GA. Murchison gave a presentation on Scotch-Irish legacy and preached for "Heritage Day" at the Abbeville, SC, church and led a seminar for Commissioned Lay Pastors in Central Florida Presbytery. ....**Susan Cavallo Triplett '97** is pastor of the Norris Lake church, Lithonia, GA, passed the APCE certification committee, and is a supervisory candidate in the Georgia Baptist supervisory clinical pastoral education program.....**Ann Clay Adams**, director of admissions, is a senior friend for the Presbyterian Student Strategy Team, the leadership team for Presbyterian college and university students. She led workshops at the College Connection conference at Mo-Ranch and at Montreat Collegiate Conference, preached at Lithonia, GA, church, and was named to the board of the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta.

James Dungan (MATS '95) and Darcy Seaver were married May 8 in Minneapolis.....**Becca Young '97**, director of alumni/ae and church relations, represented Columbia at Tropical Florida Presbyterian Women's Gathering and Peace River Presbyterian Women's Gathering. She spoke at Mississippi Women's Gathering, and Women of the Church for Peachtree, Atlanta. Young led a workshop at Trinity Presbytery's Women's Gathering. She attended the Association of Theological Schools Women in Leadership in Theological Education conference, Toronto, preached at Arbor Dale church, Banner Elk, NC, and published "The Healing Word" in *Homily Service: An Ecumenical Resource for Sharing the Word*.....**James Horn** (DMin '93) is temporary supply, German Emanuel church, Newark, NJ.....**Thomas Dendy** (DMin '93) is pastor of Trinity church, Laurinburg, NC.....**G. Thompson Brown**, professor emeritus, gave the alumni luncheon address on "The Perils and the Promise of Going Global" at Union Theological Seminary during Sprunt Lecture Week.....**Chris Dungan '97** is part-time temporary supply pastor for administration at Trinity church, Nashville, TN. She has been appointed master teaching fellow for Vanderbilt's Graduate Department of Religion, where she is working on her Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible.....**Tim Leslie** (ThM '95) is associate pastor at First church, Greenville. SC.....**Kathleen M. O'Connnr**, professor of Old Testament, gave the Alexander Thompson Memorial Lecture at Princeton Theological Seminary, served on the review board of the Hispanic Theological Initiative, taught in the Lay Academy of First church, Atlanta, spoke at St. Thomas Moore Roman Catholic church in Decatur, and presented a paper at the Old Testament Biblical Colloquium at Conception Abbey. ....**Stephen Vance '81** (DMin '91) is serving as associate pastor at Westminister church, Greenville, SC.

Bob Pettit '62 has retired from First church, Anderson, SC, after 20 years. At his retirement dinner, the lieutenant governor of South Carolina presented him with the state's highest civilian honor, The Order of the Palmetto.....**Phil Gehman '68**, vice president for student life and dean of students, attended annual meetings of the PC(USA) theological schools' placement officers in Louisville and the deans of students at Princeton Seminary. He represented Columbia at the spring meeting of the PC(USA) Committee on Theological Education at Princeton and was appointed chair of the PC(USA) Workgroup on Entrance into Pastoral Ministry. For the next two years, the workgroup will provide an opportunity for increased collaboration among the various entities of the General Assembly, presbyteries, synods, and seminaries that have an impact on the first calls of ministers.....**Pablo Jimenez** (DMin '95) delivered the 1998 Blandy Lectures at Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. ....**Bill Jenkins** (DMin '85) is a database administrator for Fairfield Residential, a subsidiary of Morgan Stanley Dean Whitter. He is a lecturer at San Diego State University and adjunct at Palomar College. Last year, his book, *Mississippi United Methodist Churches: Two Hundred Years of Heritage and Hope*, was published. ....**David Keister '88** is pastor of Westminster church, St. Petersburg, FL.....**Glenn Gilstrap '91** received the D.Min. from Erskine Seminary. ☐

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Oldenburg receives honorary degrees

COLUMBIA'S PRESIDENT DOUGLAS W. Oldenburg received two honorary doctorates this spring as he concluded his year as moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s 210th General Assembly.

On May 15, Oldenburg was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee, where James Daughdrill '67 has concluded a 26-year tenure as president.

On May 22, Hastings College, in Hastings, Nebraska, presented Oldenburg with the Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Oldenburg preached at the college's baccalaureate the day before. Another Columbia alumnus, Thomas Reeves '64, was president of Hastings from 1985-1995.

Both colleges are related to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

These degrees mark the fifth and sixth honorary doctorates awarded Oldenburg.

One of the emphases of the 210th General Assembly has been "The Year with Education." As a candidate, Oldenburg stated that his commitment to the importance of education was deepened through his service as pastor in a college church and in three congregations with strong programs in Christian education, as a board member of two Presbyterian colleges, and as president of Columbia Theological Seminary. ☐

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Doctor of Theology, Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.), and Master of Theology programs, and a joint Doctor of Ministry program with the United Theological College of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica.

Whether in local churches, on denominational boards and agencies, or at Columbia (where it all began), he has had, as he put it, a "passion" to enable both lay people and ministers in local churches and the church at large to bear faithful, intellectually honest, and socially relevant witness to God's justice and compassion in the church and for the world.

George will be missed by many people. The faculty will miss him as a friend and team player who never let us forget that we are committed not only to prepare students for ordained ministry but to be a resource, for the education of lay people, and for the continuing education of ministers after their initial seminary education. Faculty members who have taught D.Min. courses and supervised graduate dissertations will miss his efficiency. Hundreds of people who have completed advanced degrees since George joined the faculty will remember with gratitude the no-nonsense but pastoral way George was their teacher and shepherd through their program — with prodding and warnings when necessary.

All of us who have worked with him — faculty, staff, and students alike — are grateful for the discipline and academic integrity he has insisted on and the Christian commitment, love for the church, and vision of its world-wide mission he exemplified. We wish him and Sally Godspeed as they retire in Charlottesville, where he will still be the "pastor-theologian." Just not a paid one. ☐

Shirley Guthrie, professor emeritus

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